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Field Crops

For the week ending October 17, **Cotton** harvesting is complete on 27 percent of the acreage compared to 19 percent last year and the five year average of 30 percent. **Cotton** condition was reported as 20 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 35 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest remains active on just over half the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture

Range and Pasture conditions were 23 percent very poor, 36 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 18 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

Herbs, Fruit, Vegetables & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons. Western Arizona producers shipped cantaloupes, green onions and honeydews last week.

Producers in western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton Harvest	27	20	19	30

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	4	14	63	19
Cotton	0	0	20	45	35
Range/Pasture (This Week)	23	36	17	18	6
Range/Pasture (Last Year)	20	22	23	24	11

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending October 16. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees above normal at Phoenix to 1 degree below normal at Payson. The highest temperature of the week was 96 degrees at Yuma and the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 28 degrees. Precipitation

was reported at 4 of the 17 reporting stations. Canyon de Chelly received the highest amount of rainfall at 0.11 inches and Safford received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.02 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 October 10 - October 16, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	55	1	78	34	0.11	6.28	7.48
Casa Grande	73	3	94	56	0.00	7.06	7.20
Coolidge	73	2	93	51	0.00	6.56	7.21
Douglas	65	0	85	40	0.00	8.09	11.44
Flagstaff	48	0	72	28	0.04	12.41	18.25
Gila Bend	77	1	95	56	0.00	3.61	5.31
Grand Canyon	49	2	73	29	0.00	10.44	13.41
Kingman	65	2	84	50	0.00	3.37	7.96
Parker	76	3	93	57	0.00	2.72	4.11
Payson	59	-1	76	39	0.00	16.75	17.45
Phoenix	76	4	94	66	0.00	5.12	6.29
Prescott Airport	57	3	80	39	0.00	4.33	11.82
Safford Ag Center	66	1	86	45	0.02	9.17	7.78
Tucson	72	2	90	56	0.00	5.81	9.90
Willcox	63	1	86	38	0.00	9.56	10.66
Winslow	57	1	82	32	0.03	6.41	6.52
Yuma	78	2	96	65	0.00	1.16	2.30

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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